APPENDIX A

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PROCESS:

WRATS TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM: FY 2021 - FY 2024

Introduction

The Warner Robins Area Transportation Study (WRATS) is the designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for transportation planning purposes within the Warner Robins urbanized area. The WRATS study area includes the cities of Byron, Centerville, Perry and Warner Robins. Houston County, northern Peach County and Robins Air Force Base are also included. Under federal law, the Warner Robins Area Transportation Study must develop a long-range plan and short-term program for transportation improvements within this area through a cooperative process involving the local governments and the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT).

The short-term program, known as the <u>WRATS Transportation Improvement Program: FY 2021-2024</u> (TIP), indicates the Warner Robins urbanized area's transportation priorities for a four year period, and demonstrates how the area will apply federal, state, local and private financial resources to implement these projects. In order to be eligible for any level of federal funding, a project must be in the WRATS Long Range Transportation Plan and the TIP.

The TIP lists street and highway construction projects by the federal funding categories. The TIP projects are those, which have been authorized and allocated for the State's construction work program, according to the proposed scheduling and phasing for FY 2021-2024.

Public Notice/Review Period Guidelines

Public Review Process:

A key element of the process to develop a TIP is public involvement. The public was invited to review and submit comments on the WRATS Transportation Improvement Program: FY 2021-2024. A copy of the document was available at the Warner Robins City Hall Annex from January 27 through February 25, 2021 and also located on the WRATS website at http://www.wrga.gov/index.aspx?NID=297.

Amendment Process:

If the Policy Committee determines that the final plan or program differs significantly from the one which was made available for public comment, and raises new material issues which interested parties could not reasonably have foreseen from the public involvement efforts, an additional 15 days for public comment on the revised plan or program shall be made available. If the Policy Committee determines it necessary to amend the final plan or program, the Policy Committee may approve the proposed amendment(s) subject to a 15-day public review and comment period. If no significant comments are received, the amendment(s) will stand as approved with no further action. If comments are received which the MPO staff considers as potentially significant, the comments will be presented to the Policy Committee for consideration and appropriate action.

Notice

Notice of the FY 2021-2024 TIP public comment period was placed in the Houston Home Journal newspaper on January 27, 2021. A copy of the public notice is attached to this document for reference purposes.

Summary of Comments and Responses

No comments from the public were received on the TIP.



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PUB DATE: 01/27/1921 END DATE: 01/27/1921 PUB: 30 ADNUM: +00162112 CLASS: 10 Miscellaneous AD TYPE: Legl COLUMNS: 1 GRAPHIC FILE: AD STATUS: AD TEXT: NOTICE OF COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR THE WARNER ROBINS AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY The public comment period for the FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) for the Warner Robins Area Transportation Study (WRATS) begins January 27, 2021 and comments will be received until the end of the working day on February 25, 2021. Any comments can be mailed to the following address: City of Warner Robins, c/o WRATS, P.O. Box 8629, Warner Robins, GA 31095 or sent via email to jbird@wrga.gov. A copy of the document will be available at the Warner Robins City Hall Annex (610B Watson Boulevard) and will also be posted on the WRATS website at http://www.wrga.gov/index.aspx?NID=297. The short-term program known as the WRATS FY 2021-2024 TIP indicates the Warner Robins urbanized area's transportation priorities for a four-year period and demonstrates how the area will apply federal, state, local and private financial resources to implement these projects. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Bird at (478) 302-5505. 162112 1/27 *** end of ad

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